

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

September 23, 2013

5:30 p.m.

Courthouse

MINUTES:

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Commissioner Jeff Phillips
Commissioner Tiffany Phillips
Commissioner Doug Shafer
Commissioner Robert Stevens
Commissioner Matt Young
Commissioner Gary Farley, C

OTHERS PRESENT:

Ernest Burgess Tharrel Kast
Larry Farley Joe Haffner
Randy White Dr. Dan Rudd
Jeff Davidson Dan Goode
Joe Gourley Lynn Duke
Robert Arnold Ken Honeycutt

Bernard Salandy, Joe Russell, Lisa Marchisoni, Michael Gregory, Mary Schneider, Becky Shelton

Chairman Farley presided and called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. with six members being present at that time.

MINUTES:

"Commissioner Shafer moved, seconded by Commissioner Stevens, to approve the minutes of the last meeting. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

COUNTY FIRE/RESCUE REPORT:

Larry Farley presented the County Fire/Rescue report for the use and information of the Committee. Following discussion,

"Commissioner T. Phillips moved, seconded by Commissioner J. Phillips, to approve the County Fire/Rescue report as presented. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

Chief Farley advised there is one department not making timely reports and the County has held up its funding under the contract. The Committee discussed liability to the County if departments are not maintaining trucks and equipment. Mayor Burgess advised a local company has been contracted with to do maintenance on the County owned vehicles and this cost can be charged to the different departments.

Chief Farley next presented a proposed budget amendment of \$155,000 increase to Account #101-48130 (Contributions) and Account #101-54320-718 (Motor Vehicles) advising the Christy Houston Foundation has contributed this amount to the County for a rescue truck and the amendment recognizes the revenue received from the contribution and appropriates it to the correct account. Following discussion,

"Commissioner J. Phillips moved, seconded by Commissioner Stevens, to approve the budget amendment of \$155,000 increase to Account #101-48130 (Contributions) and Account #101-54320-718 (Motor Vehicles). This motion passed unanimously by roll call vote."

Mayor Burgess advised the \$155,000 is probably not enough to do what the department wants to do but the amount needed will not be known until bids are taken.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY REPORT:

Tharrel Kast presented the Emergency Management Agency report for the use and information of the Committee. Following discussion,

"Commissioner J. Phillips moved, seconded by Commissioner T. Phillips, to approve the Emergency Management Agency report as presented. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

CORRECTIONAL WORK CENTER REPORT:

Bernard Salandy presented the Correctional Work Center report for the use and information of the Committee. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Shafer moved, seconded by Commissioner T. Phillips, to approve the Correctional Work Center report as presented. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

The Committee next discussed the DUI offender fee which had been raised from \$20 to \$30 in December, 2012 and potentially raising it again. Commissioner Stevens advised people using the services can pay for them or the taxpayer has to pay and if a person is unable to pay a fee the Judge has the ability to waive the fee. The Committee was advised Davidson County charges \$44 per day for the DUI offender fee. A fee of \$44 would be in line with the per diem costs of the Correctional Work Center and would have no effect on any other grant monies received. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Stevens moved, seconded by Commissioner J. Phillips, to set the DUI offender fee at \$44 per day and forward the same to the Budget Committee. This motion passed unanimously by roll call vote."

OSHA REPORT:

Dan Goode presented the OSHA report for the use and information of the Committee. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Young moved, seconded by Commissioner Stevens, to approve the OSHA report as presented. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

JUVENILE DETENTION REPORT:

Lynn Duke presented the Juvenile Detention report for the use and information of the Committee. Following discussion,

"Commissioner J. Phillips moved, seconded by Commissioner Shafer, to approve the Juvenile Detention report as presented. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

Ms. Duke next presented information on Title I programs available at the Juvenile Detention facility and number of participants.

DRUG COURT REPORT:

Mary Schneider presented the Drug Court report for the use and information of the Committee. Following discussion,

"Commissioner J. Phillips moved, seconded by Commissioner T. Phillips, to approve the Drug Court report as presented. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

Ms. Schneider next presented a Grant Contract received from the State of Tennessee, Department of Transportation for \$60,146.28 which was applied for in April. No matching funds are required. Mayor Burgess advised execution of the Grant Contract may have been provided for in the original Resolution and he was asking the Committee to approve the same if approval to execute has not already been granted. Following discussion,

"Commissioner J. Phillips moved, seconded by Commissioner Young, to accept the Grant Contract received from the State of Tennessee, Department of Transportation in the amount of \$60,146.28 and execute the same if approval not already authorized by prior Resolution and forward the same to the Budget Committee. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

PAWS REPORT:

Michael Gregory presented the PAWS report for the use and information of the Committee. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Shafer moved, seconded by Commissioner J. Phillips, to approve the PAWS report as presented. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

AMBULANCE SERVICE REPORT:

Joe Haffner presented the Ambulance Service report for the use and information of the Committee. Following discussion,

"Commissioner J. Phillips moved, seconded by Commissioner Stevens, to approve the Ambulance Service report as presented. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

Mr. Haffner next presented a proposed budget amendment of \$55,000 increasing Account #118-48130 (Contributions) and Account #118-55130-790 (Other Equipment) advising the Christy Houston had made a donation for the SORT Team to purchase a rescue boat. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Shafer moved, seconded by Commissioner J. Phillips, to approve the budget amendment of \$55,000 increasing Account #118-48130 (Contributions) and Account #118-55130-790 (Other Equipment). This motion passed unanimously by roll call vote."

Commissioner Young asked for the policy on people who call for ambulances too frequently and was advised the department keeps track of these calls and at some point will discuss the same with the patient and if the system is abused the department can and has prosecuted. The hospital also has case workers that deal with this type situation. Commissioner Young advised South Florida provides tokens for cab fare if the patient is not serious enough for an ambulance and asked to have options researched.

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT REPORT:

Robert Arnold presented the Sheriff's Department report and first presented a proposed budget amendment of \$2,750 increase to Account #101-44570 (Donations) and Account #54110-401 (Animal Supplies) to recognize revenue from donations for K9s. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Young moved, seconded by Commissioner T. Phillips, to approve the budget amendment of \$2,750 increase to Account #101-44570 (Donations) and Account #54110-401 (Animal Supplies). This motion passed unanimously by roll call vote."

Sheriff Arnold next presented a proposed budget amendment of \$30,821 increase to Account #101-47250 (LE Grants), \$27,468 increase to Account #54110-716 (LE Eqt) and \$3,353 increase to Account #54110-431 (LE Supplies) to recognize revenue for the 2013 JAG Grant. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Stevens moved, seconded by Commissioner J. Phillips, to approve the budget amendment of \$30,821 increase to Account #101-47250 (LE Grants), \$27,468 increase to Account #54110-716

(LE Eqt) and \$3,353 increase to Account #54110-431 (LE Supplies). This motion passed unanimously by roll call vote."

The Committee was next presented the line item report for its use and information. Following discussion,

"Commissioner J. Phillips moved, seconded by Commissioner Shafer, to approve the line item report as presented. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

The Committee was next presented a Grant Contract received from the State of Tennessee, Department of Transportation for \$110,887.73 for alcohol enforcement. No matching funds are required. Mayor Burgess again advised execution of the Grant Contract may have been provided for in the original Resolution and he was asking the Committee to approve the same if approval to execute has not already been granted. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Shafer moved, seconded by Commissioner J. Phillips, to accept the Grant Contract received from the State of Tennessee, Department of Transportation in the amount of \$110,887.73 and execute the same if approval not already authorized by prior Resolution and forward the same to the Budget Committee. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

The Committee was next presented a Grant Contract received from the State of Tennessee, Department of Transportation for \$27,026.92 for teen driver safety. The Committee was advised Rutherford County is the fifth in the State for teen driving fatalities. No matching funds are required. Mayor Burgess again advised the Grant Contract may have already been approved for execution in a prior Resolution. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Young moved, seconded by Commissioner J. Phillips, to accept the Grant Contract received from the State of Tennessee, Department of Transportation in the amount of \$27,026.92 and execute the same if approval not already authorized by prior Resolution and forward the same to the Budget Committee. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

Sheriff Arnold advised they had a jail inspection and the recommendations were financing for additional employees and fencing of the perimeter for safety.

Dr. Dan Rudd addressed the Committee advising the Medical Department at the Jail was going well but busy. There has been no lawsuit in over a year and he has never lost a suit. His department is giving out approximately 50,000 meds per month and is now handling the Correctional Work Center and Juvenile Detention facility. His department does all DUI blood draws. Dr. Rudd advised his department is proactive and saves the County money on things they don't see like lawsuits and hospital stays.

RESCHEDULE UPCOMING MEETINGS:

With no objection from the Committee, the November meeting is rescheduled to November 19, 2013 and the December meeting to December 16, 2013.

There appearing to be no further business to come before the Committee, Chairman Farley declared the meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

GARY FARLEY, Chairman